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FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF G.K. REDDY ARTICLE TITLED:
"PM'S AFRICAN TRIP WILL BE A BOOST TO ANTI-RACIST FIGHT"
APPEARING IN SEPTEMBER 15 HINDU.

QUOTE.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S COMING VISIT TO TANZANIA AND
ZAMBIA IS AROUSING CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN DIPLOMATIC
CIRCLES HERE, BECAUSE OF THE WIDESPREAD IMPRESSION THAT
IT WOULD IDENTIFY INDIA EVEN CLOSER WITH THE AFRICAN CRUSADE
AGAINST RACISM, AT A TIME WHEN THE WHITE MINORITY REGIMES
IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA ARE PREPARING FOR A LAST-DITCH
FIGHT TO PRESERVE THEIR SUPREMACY IN THE FACE OF CHANGES
THAT HAVE DRAMATICALLY ALTERED THE POWER STRUCTURE IN THE
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SO-CALLED DARK CONTINENT.

THE VISIT COULD NOT BE TAKING PLACE A A MORE APPROPRIATE TIME THAN AT PRESENT, WHEN MODERATE AFRICAN STATESMEN LIKE DR. JULIUS NYERERE OF TANZANIA AND DR. KENNETH KAUNDA, WHO HAD DRAWN THEIR INSPIRATION FROM THE INDIAN FREEDOM MOVEMENT, ARE STRIVING HARD TO AVERT THE CATASTROPHE OF A RACIAL CONFLICT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IN THE HOPE THAT IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE FOR THE WHITE MINORITIES TO SEE THE WRITING ON THE WALL AND RECONCILE THEMSELVES TO THE NEW REALITIES OF LIFE.

AS ONE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE AFRICAN FREEDOM STRUGGLES FOR A LONG TIME, MRS. GANDHI IS PARTICULARLY KEEN THAT THE FINAL STAGES OF DECOLONISATION IN AFRICA SHOULD NOT BE MARRED BY THE ERUPTION OF A RACIAL CONFLICT WHICH WOULD DO IRREPARABLE HARM TO THE CAUSE OF INTERNATIONAL AMITY AND PEACE. WITH THE EMERGENCE OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE AS FREE STATES, THE STAGE IS NOW SET FOR BREAKING THE GRIP OF WHITE SUPREMACY IN SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, THE REMAINING BASTIONS OF RACISM, WHICH IS THE WORST FORM OF COLONIALISM.

BOTH DR. NYERERE AND DR. KAUNDA HAVE BEEN WARNING THE WESTERN WORLD THAT, IF THE REASONABLE DEMANDS OF THE MODERATES ARE NOT MET IN GOOD TIME, THE WHITE RACIST REGIMES WOULD BE EVENTUALLY COMPELLED TO SUBMIT TO THE DICTATES OF THE EXTREMISTS IN THE KIND OF CONFRONTATION THAT IS NOW BUILDING UP IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. ONE OF THE GREATEST MIRACLES OF RECENT TIMES HAS BEEN THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA, WHERE A VAST MULTITUDE OF PEOPLE, STEEPED DEEP IN IGNORANCE AND POVERTY, HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHED THEIR CENTURIES OLD SERVITUDE THROUGH A HAPPY COMBINATION OF HISTORICAL PROCESSES AND POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES. IT WOULD BE A GREAT TRAGEDY IF THE FINAL STAGE OF THIS REGENERATION OF AFRICA IS MARRED BY A RACIAL CONFLICT.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA WILL CERTAINLY HELP CREATE A BETTER AWARENESS IN THE THIRD WORLD OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DEEPENING CRISIS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IT WILL ALSO HELP MOBILISE SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN CAUSE EVEN IN THE WESTERN WORLD AT A TIME WHEN THE U.N. GENERAL

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ASSEMBLY WILL BE DEBATING THE RACIAL ASPECTS OF THIS EXPLOSIVE SITUATION. IT IS A WELL-TIMED VISIT PRIMARILY INTENDED TO GIVE THE AFRICAN LEADERS AT THE FOREFRONT OF THIS STRUGGLE THE FEELING THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST RACIALISM.

BILATERAL TIES

AT THE BILATERAL LEVEL, TOO, THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT WILL HELP FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDSHIP WITH BOTH TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA, THE TWO COUNTRIES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH WHICH INDIA HAS NOT ONLY CLOSE POLITICAL TIES BUT ALSO FAIRLY EXTENSIVE ECONOMIC RELATIONS. AT ONE TIME THEY TENDED TO RELY MORE ON THE CHINESE PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT, BUT REALISED LATER ON THAT THE INDIAN MODEL WAS BETTER SUITED TO THEIR SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE CARIBBEAN LAST YEAR, PRESIDENT NYERERE WENT TO THE EXTENT OF ADVISING THE PEOPLE OF THE REGION THAT THEY SHOULD TURN TO INDIA FOR TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE, WHICH WAS BETTER SUITED FOR THEIR LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT. A HAPPY FEATURE OF INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH TANZANIA AND ZAMBIA IS THAT THERE IS NO DISCRIMINATION AT ALL AGAINST THE SETTLERS OF INDIAN ORIGIN IN THE MATTER OF TRADE OR EMPLOYMENT. THE INDIAN EXPERTS SENT TO THESE COUNTRIES UNDER TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION PROGRAMMES FIND THE LOCAL ATMOSPHERE QUITE CONGENIAL FOR WORK AS WELL AS LIVING.

MAURITIUS

THE THIRD COUNTRY MRS. GANDHI WILL BE VISITING ON THIS TRIP IS MAURITIUS, WHICH IS ASPIRING TO BUILD UP A TRULY MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY BLENDING TOGETHER THE VARIOUS ELEMENTS AMONG ITS POPULATION. THOUGH ITS PRIME MINISTER, SIR SEEWOSAGAR RAMGOOLAM RETAINS A CLOSE KINSHIP WITH THE COUNTRY OF HIS ORIGIN, AND IS VERY DEVOTED TO ITS CULTURE, (HE HAS NOT ALLOWED HIS INDIANNESS TO BECOME A SORT OF POLITICAL REED THAT WOULD BE A BARRIER IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE NON-INDIAN SEGMENTS OF THE MAURITIAN PEOPLE.

HE HAS BEEN SEEKING INDIAN ASSISTANCE IN DIVERSIFYING THE ISLAND'S ONE-CROP ECONOMY, AS A GROWER OF ONLY SUGARCANE,
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AND INDUSTRIALISING THE PLACE TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF RISING EXPECTATIONS, (HE IS BASICALLY A MAN OF RECONCILIATION WHO WANTS TO WORK TOGETHER WITH ALL THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES, WHETHER OF INDIAN, AFRICAN OR EUROPEAN ORIGIN, IN COPING WITH THE MANY PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. SIGNED SCOTT

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